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Title: SEALING STRUCTURE FOR A FUEL
CELL, AS WELL AS A METHOD FOR
PRODUCING IT, AND A FUEL CELL WITH
THE SEALING STRUCTURE

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Applicants do not have English translations of German Patent References 195 15 457 or 199 60 516 . However, Applicants are enclosing a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,440,597, which claims priority to the same Japanese Patent Application as DE 199 60 516.

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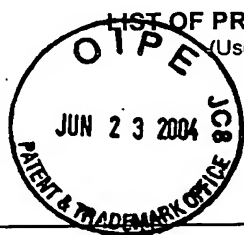
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	AA	6,440,597	08/2002	Mizuno			
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	AL	195 15 457 C1	07/1996	DE				✓
	AM	10092450	04/1998	JP (abstract)			✓	
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